

**Tennessee State Parks
Events and Happenings
May to December 14, 2006**

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| Natchez Trace | May 2006 | Natchez Trace Outdoor Classroom
This is a year around program for children ages Pre-K – 8th grades. Children have a hands on experience with nature and wildlife. For more information on this program contact Alisha Weber at (731) 968-3742. |
| Natchez Trace | May 2006 | Quarterback Club Trail Ride
This is an annual horse ride at Natchez Trace. Come out and experience a beautiful ride through the forestry trails at Natchez Trace. Contact (731) 968-3742. |
| Pickwick Landing | May 2006 | Pickwick Challenge Boat Races
The fastest boats around race right before your eyes on beautiful Pickwick Lake. Contact: Ranger Tim Dudley, Tim.Dudley@state.tn.us , or call (731) 689-3129. |
| Bicentennial
Capitol Mall | May Weekdays | Characters In Time
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| Long Hunter | May 2 | Friends of Long Hunter Meeting
Join other park patrons caring for the park while enjoying a social hour of refreshments, interpretive programming, and organizational business. 7 pm. April.Welch@state.tn.us or (615) 885-2422. |

- Old Stone Fort** **May 5-7** **Spring Knap-In**
Knappers from all of over the Southeast and beyond demonstrate the making of spear points the Native American way along with other pre-historic technologies. Keith.Wimberly@state.tn.us or (931) 723-5073.
- Paris Landing** **May 5** **Birds of Prey**
Join the Ranger at the park's inn for an opportunity to enjoy an up close experience featuring some of the bird of prey species common to the area. 6 – 8 pm. J.B..Davis@state.tn.us or (731) 641-4476.
- Fall Creek Falls** **May 6 & 7** **Lady Slipper Weekend**
Cinderella's shoe? No, but the beautiful orchids of Fall Creek are something to behold. A variety of hikes will be offered to discover the Pink Lady Slippers, and more! For further information call (423) 881-5298.
- T. O. Fuller** **May 6-7.** **Fuller Open at T. O. Fuller Golf Course**
Stroke Play, 36 Holes, 5 flights, 6 place in each flight. John.Willoughby@state.tn.us or (901) 543-7771 for more information.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace** **May 12 & 13** **Appalachian Craft Fair**
Come out and enjoy our 1st Annual Craft Fair with an array of traditional style arts and crafts, food vendors and musical guests. Contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167.
- Paris Landing** **May 12** **Birds of Prey**
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- Sycamore Shoals** **May 13** **Birding with the Lee & Lois Herdon TOS Chapter.**
Check out the spring migratory birds with Carter County's most talented birders! 8 am. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.
- Montgomery Bell** **May 14** **Birds on the Glove**
Come by the park Inn and see who ranger Tim Wheatley has with him. It could be an owl, a hawk, or a vulture. **Happy Mothers Day.** 11 am – 3 pm. Timothy.Wheatley@state.tn.us or (615) 797-9052.
- South Cumberland** **May 14** **Little Gizzard Trash Pick-up**
Feeling guilty for throwing that plastic candy wrapper out of the car window? Now there is a chance to redeem yourself. Meet Ranger Jason Reynolds at the Grundy Forest parking lot for a short hike/litter pickup

along the banks of the Little Fiery Gizzard Creek. 8 am.
Jason.Reynolds@state.tn.us or (931) 924-2980.

Paris Landing **May 19** **Birds of Prey**
Join the Ranger at the park's inn for an opportunity to enjoy an up close experience featuring some of the bird of prey species common to this area. 6-8 pm. J.B..Davis@state.tn.us or (731) 641-4476.

South Cumberland **May 19** **Owl Prowlin'**
Join Ranger Allen Reynolds at the Visitor Center parking lot for an adventure into the life of one of our night predator, the owl. Bring a good flashlight and be prepared for a short walk. 8:30 pm.
Allen.Reynolds@state.tn.us or (931) 924-2980.

**Bicentennial
Capitol Mall** **May 20** **Armed Forces Day Celebration**
Come celebrate the men and women of our armed forces at the Bicentennial State Park on Saturday, May 20th, 2006 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM with a live Civil War battle and World War II battle. There will be displays for each of the five military branches as well as ROTC performances during the event. Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us or 615-532-2683.

Long Hunter **May 20** **Star Party**
Join the Barnard-Seyfert Astronomy Club for an evening of heavenly constellation observation. Please park at the Park Office and walk back to the programming site in Group Camp 1. 8:30 – 10:30 pm.
April.Welch@state.tn.us or (615) 885-2422.

South Cumberland **May 20** **Nature Walk**
Join Ranger Allen Reynolds at the Grundy Lakes Beach Parking lot for an informative hike explaining the rich natural and cultural history of this area. 9 am. Allen.Reynolds@state.tn.us or (931) 924-2980.

South Cumberland **May 20** **Gizzard Rock Hopping**
Tired of the leisurely Saturday Stroll? Then come out with Ranger Jason Reynolds to Foster Falls for an off-trail hike up the Little Gizzard Creek. This very difficult and technical hike will require a sturdy body and even sturdier boots. Remember to bring plenty of H₂O and a light snack. 9 am.
Jason.Reynolds@state.tn.us or (931) 924-2980.

Sycamore Shoals **May 20 & 21** **Muster at Fort Watauga**
The Revolutionary War comes to life at the site of the muster of the Overmountain Men prior to the Battle of King's Mountain. American and British re-enactors along with Native American Allies from all over the

Southeast will demonstrate life on the western frontier during the late 1700's. Battle demonstrations both afternoons. Sponsored By the Company of Overmountain Men and the Watauga Historical Association. 10 am. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

- Cumberland Trail May 21 – June 30 The Big Dig**
Sign-up and join the all out effort to add more miles to the Cumberland Trail, the only linear park in the Tennessee State Park system. Trail building will occur seven days a week during the dig. For more information go to the Cumberland Trail Conference's website: www.cumberlandtrail.org or contact Paul Freeman at (931) 456-6259.
- Montgomery Bell May 21 Harpeth River Canoe Float**
Take an interpretive trip down this historic and beautiful river. You must sign up at the park office to reserve your space or call (615) 797-9052. All participants must be 13 years or older and all minors **must be** accompanied by an adult. Only two people per canoe allowed. We will depart from the park office at 9:00 AM, so show up early. Timothy.Wheatley@state.tn.us or (615) 797-9506.
- South Cumberland May 21 Greeter Falls Hike**
Meet Ranger Jamie at the Greeter Falls parking lot for this moderate 2-mile hike and see some breath taking falls while learning about the area. 2 pm. Jamie.Hambrock@state.tn.us or (931) 692-3887.
- Montgomery Bell May 26-29 Memorial Day Weekend**
We will have a special Memorial Day weekend schedule for our campers. Some of the programs will include: creek explorations, nature hikes, campfires, animal programs, nature games and crafts, slide shows, historical movies, informative talks and many other activities. The Memorial Day weekend schedule will come out on the Monday before Memorial Day. Timothy.Wheatley@state.tn.us or (615) 797-9052.
- Paris Landing May 26 Birds of Prey**
Join the Ranger at the park's inn for an opportunity to enjoy an up close experience featuring some of the bird of prey species common to this area. 6 – 8 pm. J.B..Davis@state.tn.us or (731) 641-4476.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace May 27-29 Memorial Day Blowout**
Join us for the summer kick-off season down at the Campground Pavilion. We'll have musical guests, games and a potluck feast. We will also host an auction to help raise money for park activities and programs. Contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167.

Pogue Creek State Natural Area

May 27

Guided Nature Hike

Location: Meet at the Food Lion off Bell Road south of I-40. Take exit 219 off I-40 and turn South onto Stewarts Ferry Pike (Stewarts Ferry Turns into Bell Road). Food Lion will be on your right on Bell Road.

Date: Saturday, May 27

Time: 7:00 a.m. CST

Leaders: Kevin Fitch, Science Director – Natural Areas Program and Doyle Newburry

Reservations required: RSVP by May 11th to Kevin Fitch, 615-532-0431 or Kevin.fitch@state.tn.us. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of van transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.

Description: Pogue Creek is a 3,000-acre natural area acquired by the Tennessee field office of The Nature Conservancy and is in the process of being transferred to the State. Pogue Creek significant because of its scenic cliffs, rockhouses, and rich forest communities. It also supports populations of federal and state protected plant species.

The Hike will start at an overlook of Pogue Creek. We will then travel through the breathtaking beauty along the base of the Cumberland Plateau escarpment surrounding the proposed Pogue Creek Natural Area. The hike will be strenuous and will proceed along the base of the escarpment for approximately 2 miles. Depending on the timing and site conditions, we may precede along the bluff and BUSHWHACK up to the top of the escarpment and proceed back to the vehicles. The hike will last from 2.5 to 3.5 hours depending on breaks and conditions. Dress appropriately and expect rain, wear sturdy boots and long pants (i.e., for bushwhacking), and bring plenty of water and lunch.

Wolf and Hatchie Rivers

May 27 & 28

Canoe Floats

Location: Meeting place to be determined

Date: Saturday, May 27 and Sunday May 28

Time: To be announced

Leaders: Daniel Boone TSRA; Larry Smith WRC; Chad Harden TNAP

Sponsors: TN Scenic Rivers Association, Wolf River Conservancy, TN Natural Areas Program

Description: Float two of the wildest remaining bottomland river swamps left in Tennessee and the Lower Mississippi drainage in the same weekend. Floats are planned for the Wolf River on Saturday and the Hatchie on Sunday. For details on meeting locations, and reservations contact Daniel Boone at (615) 834-3976 or Chad Harden (731) 512-1369. Trip details will also be posted in upcoming issues of the TSRA newsletter at <http://www.paddletsr.org>.

- South Cumberland May 27 Grundy Lakes Nature Hike**
Take an easy hike around the lakes with Ranger Jason Reynolds. Discover the history & wildlife or just enjoy the view and fresh air. Meet at the Grundy Lakes parking lot and come for a refreshing afternoon stroll on the lake trails. 8 am. Jason.Reynolds@state.tn.us or (931) 924-2980.
- South Cumberland May 27 Stone Door Hike**
Meet Ranger Jamie Hambrock at Stone Door station for this easy 2-mile round trip hike to the Great Stone Door. Be prepared for some awesome views. 2 pm. Jamie.Hambrock@state.tn.us or (931) 692-3887.
- Sycamore Shoals May 27 Mountain River Concerts**
Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians, cloggers, storytellers, and more. These events meet in the theater of Sycamore Shoals. Featured entertainers are **Moccasin Gap**. Admission fee. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.
- South Cumberland May 28 Slideshow**
Meet Ranger George Shinn at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station for an informative slideshow on the Savage Gulf/Stone Door area. For more information call (931) 779-3532.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace May 29 – September 4 Music in the Park**
Beginning on Memorial Day and every other Saturday through Labor Day, join us for different bluegrass musical guest in the Campground Pavilion. Contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167.
- South Cumberland May 29 Savage Falls Hike**
Meet Ranger George Shinn at Savage Gulf Ranger Station for a moderate 4-mile round trip hike to see beautiful Savage Falls. Wear insect/tick repellent & bring water. For more information call (931) 779 3532.
- Fall Creek Falls Memorial - Labor Day Summer Season at Fall Creek Falls**
Softball, nature hikes, cave trips, canoe floats, campfires, horseback riding, and good bluegrass music are just some of the weekly events that mark our summer season. Interpretive and recreational events are scheduled seven days a week. Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us, or (423) 881-5708.
- Natchez Trace Memorial Day Weekend Family Fun Days**
Come to Natchez trace for a fun filled weekend. Our Naturalist will offer a variety of recreational, historical and natural programs for the whole family. Hay Rides, campfires, animal programs, pontoon rides, trail walks and much more. Contact (731) 968-3742.

Natchez Trace	May – September	Summer Programs
	Summer Programs are available through our park Naturalist for families and groups. Weekly Program Schedules are posted around the park. To Schedule group programs such as Hayrides, Pontoon Rides, Birds of Prey, & Reptiles contact the park Naturalist or Interpretive Specialist at (731) 968-3742.	
Davy Crockett Birthplace	June – August	Educational Programs
	Weekly programs will be given in the park during the summer months while schools are on vacation. Please contact our park for the schedule each week and the nature of programs. Contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167	
Natchez Trace	June 2006	Canoeing Natchez Trace
	Come relax during a sunset canoe trip on the placid waters of Pin Oak and Cub Lakes. As the sunsets, watch for native wildlife along the shore. Contact Interpretive Specialist at (731) 968-3742.	
Natchez Trace	June 2006	Gospel Music Festival
	We will be hosting our annual Gospel Music Festival at the Cub Lake Public Lodge. Groups from all over the West Tennessee area will be playing and singing traditional and contemporary gospel music. Contact (731) 968-3742.	
Natchez Trace	June 2006	Natchez Trace Day Camp
	This is an annual Summer Day Camp for children 4th grade through 8th. Activities vary each year in previous years children have enjoyed a week of Canoeing, Fishing, Archery, Horseback Riding, Swimming, Hayrides and more. Dates to be announced. For more information contact the Park Interpretive Specialist at (731) 968-3742.	
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	Beginning on Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM, the Bicentennial State Park will feature an hour-long program with a character of Tennessee history. Park visitors can visit every weekday (Monday through Friday) with either Davy Crockett, Confederate or Union Infantry soldier, or Alvin C. York. Programming will include a brief discussion of the park, biography of the character, description of the clothing, and conclude with a demonstration. No reservations are required; however, groups over twenty seeking specific characters are encouraged to call ahead for character times and availability. Amphitheater seating for two thousand available! Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us or 615-532-2683.	
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- Warriors' Path** **June – Mid-August** **Summer in the Park**
Every Monday through Saturday we offer free nature and recreation activities including: guided hikes, creek walks, historical tours, crafts, games, junior ranger, campfire talks, and more. Free. Contact: Marty Silver, Marty.Silver@state.tn.us, or (423) 239-6786 for weekly schedule.
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- Sycamore Shoals** **June 1 – August 15** **History at Home**
Seasonal Interpretive Rangers join our staff for the summer months, presenting a creative mix of programs on a daily basis. Please call for their weekly schedules at (423) 543-5808 or (423) 543-6140.
- National Trails Day** **June 3**
For a list of events contact for East Tennessee - Lisa Huff at 865 594-5601 Lisa.Huff@state.tn.us Middle Tennessee - Forrest Evans 615 741- 9205 Forrest.Evans@state.tn.us West Tennessee – Chad Harden 731 512- 1369 Charles.Harden@state.tn.us
- Sycamore Shoals** **June 3 - 4** **Sycamore Shoals Native American Festival**
A two days celebration of our Native American Heritage. Come and discover the arts, music, dance, crafts, legends and stories of our Native Americans with emphasis on the Cherokee culture. Admission fee. 10 am – 6 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.
- T.O. Fuller** **June 3** **Blues and Bar-B-Que**
Enjoy an evening of Down home Memphis Blues and the best Bar-B-Que around. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music. Call the park office for information and entree cost. (901) 543-7581 or Ronnie.Douglas@state.tn.us.
- T.O. Fuller** **June 5-9** **"Camp Fuller"**
Wildlife Camp 10a.m.-3p.m. Canoeing, wildlife walks, swimming, outdoor cooking, pioneer living, tree talks, recreational sports, safety seminars, crafts, park history, and camp projects for school aged students

call the parks visitors center for registration information. (901) 543- 7581
Ronnie.Douglas@state.tn.us.

- Sycamore Shoals June 9 Colonial Kids**
Spend a day at the Carter Mansion for a day of historical & natural activities for young people ages 9 - 13. Registration is limited to 10. Small fee for each session. 9 am – 5 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.
- Norris Dam June 10 & 11 Norris Dam State Park 25th Annual Spring Heritage Festival & Car & Truck Show**
Festival includes Arts and Crafts booths, Cultural Demonstrations, Bluegrass Music, A Car and Truck Show on Saturday, Nature Presentations on Snakes, Owls, and Creek Critters, Lenoir Museum Tours, Rice Gristmill Tours, Kids Games, Good Food and much more. Contact: Mike.Scott@state.tn.us or (865) 426-7461.
- Sycamore Shoals June 16 Colonial Kids**
Spend a day at the Carter Mansion for a day of historical & natural activities for young people ages 9 - 13. Registration is limited to 10. Small fee charged for each session. 9 am – 5 pm. Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.
- Sycamore Shoals June 23 Colonial Kids**
Spend a day at the Carter Mansion for a day of historical & natural activities for young people ages 9 - 13. Registration is limited to 10. Small fee charged for each session. 9 am - 5 pm. Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.
- Sycamore Shoals June 25 & Month of July Fine Arts Show with the Watauga Valley Art League**
Stop by the museum at Sycamore Shoals to view the beautiful artwork of the Watauga Valley Art League. Local artists display their talents during the entire month of July. Opening reception: Sunday, June 25, 2-4 pm. July, Monday – Saturday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Sunday, 1 – 4:30 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals June 25 Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion**
Our open pickin' and sharin' session is open to musicians of all levels, dancers, listeners, and toe tappers! Join us for this home-style gathering! 2 – 5 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.
- Sycamore Shoals June 24 Mountain River Concerts**
Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians, cloggers, storytellers, and more. These events meet in the theater of Sycamore Shoals. Featured entertainers are **Sigean, Celtic**

Inspired and Mountain Rhythm Cloggers. Admission fee. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

**Bicentennial
Capitol Mall**

June 28 Air National Guard Band of the Smoky Mountains

The Air National Guard Band of the Smoky Mountains will perform in the park's amphitheater. The band has performed for the Air Force Thunderbirds, the Navy Blue Angels, numerous State of Tennessee Governors Inaugural Ceremonies, as well as civilian and military performances in 21 states, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. The ability to offer a wide variety of musical programming is a source of great pride for this premiere unit of the Tennessee Air National Guard. Concerts typically include traditional concert band pieces, military marches, patriotic selections, jazz, rock and country western selections. 6 –8 pm. Free. Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us or (615) 741-5800.

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July Weekdays

Characters In Time

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**Davy Crockett
Birthplace**

July 1 & 2

July 4th Celebration

This event is held for all our campers staying with us. Activities to include: Games, Parade and Best in Show for a decorated bicycle. A Best Decorated Camper Contest will be held with 1st prize receiving 3 Free Nights of camping. There will also be food and musical guests. Contact: Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167.

Sycamore Shoals July 1 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area's 30th Birthday Celebration!

Sycamore Shoals July 1 & 2 An 18th Century Fourth of July
Celebrate the beginning of our nation's independence! We will be hosting a garrison on Saturday & Sunday, followed on Monday, the 4th, with special events beginning at 1:00 pm. The gala will include the arrival, by courier, of the Declaration of Independence, raising of the Continental Colors, refreshments, and contests! Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

Fall Creek Falls July 4 Fourth of July Celebration
Dress up your car, your bike, or yourself, for the "traditional" parade, which ends in Campground A. After watermelon and cake, we will move onto the field for events such as sack races, the egg toss, the water balloon toss, and other family favorites. For further information call (423) 881-5298.

Pickwick Landing July 4 Annual Fireworks Display
Thousands of people have enjoyed our fireworks display year after year. Contact: Ranger Tim Dudley, Tim.Dudley@state.tn.us or call (731) 689-3129.

Sycamore Shoals July 13–15, 20-22, & 27-29 "The Wataugans" Outdoor Drama
Don't miss the 28th season of Tennessee's official outdoor drama, depicting the 18th Century settlement of Northeast Tennessee. Presented each year by local performers in the shadow of Fort Watauga. The drama tells the story of the major events surrounding the Watauga Settlement on the grounds they actually happened. Seating is available in the Fort Watauga Amphitheater and performances begin *Thursday – Saturday* evenings at 7:30 pm. Admissions Charge. Sponsored by the Watauga Historical Association. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

Paris Landing July 15-16 Tennessee Kruzing Nationals Kool Kars & Hot July Nights
Join us down at the lake to check out some pimped out rides, and enjoy some good ol American tunes. J.B.Davis@state.tn.us or (731) 641-4465.

Warriors' Path**July 15****Folklife Festival**

Come celebrate the folk traditions of East Tennessee. Enjoy traditional life skills and crafts demonstrations, traditional games and contests, old-timey music, and more. Don't miss the tales around the campfire! Free. Contact: Marty Silver, Marty.Silver@state.tn.us, or (423) 239-6786.

Cedars of Lebanon**July 28****3rd Annual Cedars of Lebanon Triathlon**

For Information and Registration, Contact Ms. Faye Yates, Team-Magic Inc., 3508 Wilbur Place, Nashville, Tn. 37204 Phone - (615) 460 9927 or e-mail faye@team-magic.com.

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**Duck River Complex
Natural Area****August 5****Canoe Float on the Duck River State Scenic River**

Location: Meet at the river fountain at Bicentennial Mall State Park just north of the capitol near the Farmers Market. Transportation for the first 10 people to sign up will be provided.

Date: August 5, 2006.

Time: 9:00 a.m. CDT

Leader: Forrest Evans, Stewardship Ecologist, Tennessee Division of Natural Heritage.

Reservations required: RSVP by August 4th to Forrest Evans, 615-532-0431 or forrest.evans@state.tn.us. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of free van transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.

Description: Come join us as we enjoy the cool waters of the Duck River on a warm summer day. We will be on a very flat and easy stretch of river from Leftwich Bridge to the new TWRA take out at Howard Bridge. This stretch of the river has a gentle current and no real rapids, and will take about 4 hours to float. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn to canoe. Participants are welcome to bring their own canoe or kayak, but will have to provide their own transportation if they do. Canoes can be rented at a special discount of \$10 per person or \$20 per canoe through a local canoe vendor. Our put in point is about a 45-minute drive south of Nashville on I-65. Bring lunch and water and maybe a change of clothes.

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| Fort Loudoun | August 5 & 6
The Independent Company of South Carolina will bring Fort Loudoun to life with demonstrations depicting the daily routine of a British garrison of the late 1750's. The weekend's activities will culminate with a commemoration of the fort's surrender to the Cherokees. Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us or (423) 884- 6217. |
| Red Clay | Oconostota Victory Garrison Weekend
August 5 & 6
This is held the first Saturday and Sunday in August. It includes authentic Cherokee crafts and food, Cherokee storytelling, music and dance. For more information contact Lois.Osborne@state.tn.us or (423) 478-0339. |
| Sycamore Shoals | Cherokee Days of Recognition
August 6
Join naturalist, Don Holt for this day long winged adventure. Come for all or part of the day. Sponsored by the Xerces Society & Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park. (Rain Date: Saturday, August 12.) Meeting times: 9:00 am & 1:00 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808. |
| David Crockett | 5th Annual Elizabethton Butterfly Count
August 11-13
David Crockett Days is a pre-1840's rendezvous held annually to celebrate Crockett's birthday. Period camps, vendors selling period goods, demonstrations that include blacksmithing, brain tanning, etc., period music, and competitions of period firearms, tomahawk throwing, and fire starting. Saturday evening highlights include birthday cake, lemonade, and a birthday black powder salute to David Crockett. Rachel.Bridges@state.tn.us , or (931) 762-9408. |
| Burgess Falls | David Crockett Days
August 12
Come and enjoy a fun filled day with Ranger and Volunteer led educational programs that include hikes, landscaping with native plants, birds of prey, spiders, and reptiles. 10 am – 3pm. Bill.Summers@state.tn.us or (931) 762-9408. |

- Sycamore Shoals August 12 Carter Mansion Celebration**
Join us at the oldest frame house in Tennessee, the beautiful Carter Mansion, located on Broad Street Extension for a day of music and fun. The detailed interior of this house, built around 1775, is unparalleled in Tennessee. 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.
- Big Ridge August 18 Bluegrass Festival**
Join us for an evening of bluegrass, gospel, and old time country music performed by several local bands. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. 7 pm – midnight. Contact: Sarah Nicley, Sarah.Nicley@state.tn.us, or (865) 992-5523.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace August 19 & 20 Crockett Days**
Join us to celebrate the birth of Davy Crockett, pioneer, political leader and one of Tennessee and Greene County's most famous sons. Explore living history demonstrations, workshops, games, crafts, period food and music. Highlighting both Native American culture and early Pioneer Life in Tennessee. Contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167
- Fall Creek Falls August 20 Triathlon**
Push your limits in a 1.5km swim, a 40km bike ride, followed by a 10km run. For more info contact Martin Coleman at (865) 250-3618.
- Fall Creek Falls August 26 Adventure Race**
Challenge your endurance in a race that consists of running, mountain biking, swimming, orienteering and rappelling. If interested contact River Sports in Knoxville at (865) 523-0066 or email: www.riversportsadventures.com.
- Standing Stone August 26 9th ANNUAL STANDING STONE CAR SHOW**
Come and enjoy antique cars/trucks and hot rods. The event is a fun filled day of music and food. Some 300 vehicles will be showed and judged. Show your own or just come and observe. Meet at Standing Stone State Park's Recreational Field. 8 am. Contact: Patrick.Randall@state.tn.us, or (931) 823-6347.
- Sycamore Shoals August 26 Mountain River Concerts**
Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians, cloggers, storytellers, and more. These events meet in the theater of Sycamore Shoals. Featured entertainers are **Roan Mountain Moonshiners and The Trailblazer Cloggers**. Admission fee. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

- Sycamore Shoals** **August 27** **Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion**
Our open pickin' and sharin' session is open to musicians of all levels, dancers, listeners, and toe tappers! Join us for this home-style gathering! 2 – 5 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.
- Natchez Trace** **September 2006** **This Horse is Silent Trail Ride**
This is a benefit ride that honors children who have been stricken with a childhood illness. For more information contact (731) 968-3742.
- Natchez Trace** **Labor Day Weekend** **Park Programs**
Come spend the last weekend of summer with us at Natchez Trace. There will be a variety of natural, historical and recreational programs provided for the entire family. Contact (731) 968-3742.
- Natchez Trace** **September – October** **Richard Crawly St. Jude Trail Ride“Cowboys who Care”**
The rides will be leaving from the Wrangler Camp throughout the weekend. All Proceeds are donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Negative Coggins Papers are required. Contact (731) 845-5585.
- Bicentennial Capitol Mall** **September Weekdays** **Characters In Time**
Beginning on Friday, September 1, 2006 at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM, the Bicentennial State Park will feature an hour-long program with a character of Tennessee history. Park visitors can visit every weekday (Monday through Friday) with either Davy Crockett, Confederate or Union Infantry soldier, or Alvin C. York. Programming will include a brief discussion of the park, biography of the character, description of the clothing, and conclude with a demonstration. No reservations are required; however, groups over twenty seeking specific characters are encouraged to call ahead for character times and availability. Amphitheater seating for two thousand available! Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us or 615-532-2683.
- Reelfoot Lake** **Month of September** **Reelfoot Scenic Boat Cruises**
Daily 3-hour pontoon boat cruises on scenic Reelfoot Lake depart from the park's Visitors Center at 9 am. Special afternoon cruises are provided for groups of 10 or more Monday – Fridays between 1:30 pm and sunset (requires advance reservations). Short cruises (1 hour) are offered on weekends & holidays at 1:30 and 2:45 pm. Fee. Reservations required. Contact: Jerry.Hall@state.tn.us or (731) 523-9652.
- Fort Pillow** **September 2-4** **Labor Day Activities**
Enjoy a weekend of scheduled historical programs, hikes, and outdoor games. For program schedule contact Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us or (713) 738-5581.

- Standing Stone September 2 6TH Annual Camper's Night Light Contest**
Decorate your campsite with a creative selection of lights. 1st place prize, for most original display, is one week of FREE Camping at Standing Stone State Park. 2nd place prize is two days/nights of FREE Camping at Standing Stone State Park. Also, a fun prize for 3rd place! Judging will begin at dark. *Camping Fee is required to participate!*
Contact: Shawn.Hughes@state.tn.us, or (931) 823-6347.
- T. O. Fuller September 2 Annual FullerFest**
This event is open to the public and is a day of fun and activities. There will be vendors for food and merchandise, FullerFest Golf Tourney, Gospel Show, Car & Motorcycle Show, Swimming/Diving contest, 3 on 3 Basketball tournament and Bike-a-Thon. Please call the park office @ (901) 543-7581 for more information on entry and vendor fees.
- Fall Creek Falls September 8th 28th Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival**
Handmade crafts, traditional mountain music, and demonstrations of pioneer skills are just part of the fun. Country cooking, bluegrass music, and different exhibits round out the jam-packed schedule. For further information call (423) 881-5298.
- Fort Loudoun September 9 & 10 18th Century Trade Faire**
Fort Loudoun State Historic Area will host this annual event that provides visitors the chance to experience the atmosphere of an 18th Century Faire. Entertainment, vendors, food, demonstrations, etc. appropriate to the period will be featured during this two day event.
Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us or (423) 884-6217.
- Paris Landing September 9-10 Fall Craft Show**
This annual event features handmade crafts by region artisans. For more information: J.B.Davis@state.tn.us or (731) 641-4465.
- Sycamore Shoals September 9 & 10 6th Annual Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival**
Come celebrate our Celtic heritage that fills our lives in the mountains of East Tennessee. Clans and Family Societies will be on hand to help with family history, there will be dance, music, food, vendors, demonstrations, reenactments of 18th & 19th Century heritage, lectures, and a special musical concert on Saturday evening all with a focus on our Celtic culture. Admissions Charge. Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday Concert: 8:00 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

- Pickwick Landing September 16 Darryl Worley's Tennessee River Run**
 West Tennessee Healthcare presents Darryl Worley & friends, Country music by the river. Also, tentatively, the Celebrity Golf Tournament, Celebrity Fishing Tournament, Boat Poker Run, Motorcycle Poker Run, a 5k run, Celebrity Silent Auction, and Arts and Crafts Fair. And best of all, it's for a good cause. For more information, please contact: Ranger Tim Dudley, Tim.Dudley@state.tn.us or call (731) 689-3129.
- Standing Stone September 16 24th Annual National Rolley Hole Championship**
 This is a one of a kind family experience as featured by ESPN, ABC Evening News, Sports Illustrated, Charles Kuralt and CBS, Smithsonian Institution, CNN, National Geographic, Southern Living.... Everyone is invited to participate in marble games of all types. Festival will include kids' games, marble making, swap meet, tournament play, demonstrations, music and food. *(Registration is required for Rolley Hole Tournament.)* 8 am. Contact: Shawn.Hughes@state.tn.us, or (931) 823-6347.
- Henry Horton Sept. 22 - 24 Step Back in Time**
 To keep the history of years gone by alive, this event has antique farm equipment in action, tractor parade, making of candles and lye soap, long hunters, music, craft booths, and much more. For more information, contact Karen.Moore@state.tn.us or (931) 364-2222.
- Cordell Hull Birthplace Sept. 23 Cordell Hull Folk Festival**
 Please join the Friends of Cordell Hull as we celebrate the life of the former Secretary of State and Nobel Laureate. Events include living history demonstrations, arts and crafts, regional music, birds of prey program, storytelling, and an abundance of good food! 10AM - 4PM. Robin.P.Cooper@state.tn.us or (931) 864-3247.
- Sycamore Shoals September 23 & 24 Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration**
 Join us for an encampment by the Company of Overmountain Men militia before the Battle of King's Mountain in 1780. 10 am. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals September 24 Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion**
 Our open pickin' and sharin' session is open to musicians of all levels, dancers, listeners, and toe tappers! Join us for this home-style gathering! 2 – 5 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.
- Sycamore Shoals September 25 Overmountain Victory Trail March**

Members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association have recreated the historic march of the Overmountain Men since 1975. This year the marchers will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore Shoals, just as the militia did 226 years ago for the muster before they rode to victory at King's Mountain. Approximate time of crossing the river is 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

National Public Lands Day September 30.

For a list of events your contact for East Tennessee is Lisa Huff at 865 594-5601 Lisa.Huff@state.tn.us, Middle Tennessee - Forrest Evans 615 741- 9205 Forrest.Evans@state.tn.us, and West Tennessee – Chad Harden 731 512- 1369 Charles.Harden@state.tn.us

Sycamore Shoals September 30 Mountain River Concerts

Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians, cloggers, storytellers, and more. These events meet in the theater of Sycamore Shoals. Featured entertainer is **Danny Bigay, Native American Flute**. Admission fee. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

Big Ridge October Friday & Saturday Nights Ghost House Hikes

Park Rangers lead a “haunting” experience as we hike the park’s Ghost house Trail after dark. Along the way we will stop at the Norton Cemetery and listen to spine-tingling stories about the ghosts of big Ridge. Pre-registration required. Call the park office for further details: (865) 992-5523.

Natchez Trace October 2006 Kudzu Endurance

This is an endurance race for horses in top shape and must meet certain qualifications before entering. If you have questions please contact (731) 968-3742.

Natchez Trace October 2006 Shriner’s Ride

Meet at the Wrangler Camp for a great weekend of trail riding. This has become an annual event for the Shriners to raise money for charities. Contact (731) 968-3742.

**Sycamore Shoals Month of October *Mysterious Candlelight Tours*
of the John and Landon Carter Mansion**

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Carter mansion after dark? A house that is over 200 years old is bound to have some mysterious stories. At select times during the month of October, you will have the rare opportunity to visit the oldest frame house in Tennessee and explore the mysterious side of this historic place. For dates & times contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.

**Bicentennial
Capitol Mall**

October Weekdays Characters In Time

Beginning on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM, the Bicentennial State Park will feature an hour-long program with a character of Tennessee history. Park visitors can visit every weekday (Monday through Friday) with either Davy Crockett, Confederate or Union Infantry soldier, or Alvin C. York. Programming will include a brief discussion of the park, biography of the character, description of the clothing, and conclude with a demonstration. No reservations are required; however, groups over twenty seeking specific characters are encouraged to call ahead for character times and availability. Amphitheater seating for two thousand available! Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us or 615-532-2683.

Reelfoot Lake

October 1 Reelfoot Scenic Boat Cruises

Three-hour pontoon boat cruises on scenic Reelfoot Lake depart from the park's Visitors Center at 9 am. Short cruises (1 hour) are offered at 1:30 and 2:45 pm. Fee. Reservations required. Contact: Jerry.Hall@state.tn.us or (731) 523-9652.

Sycamore Shoals

October 6-8 Sycamore Shoals Quilt Show

This three-day exhibition, sponsored by the Sycamore Shoals Stitchers, features a show and demonstrations by local quilters held in the park museum. Bed quilts, wall hangings, holiday and baby quilts, miniatures and antique quilts will be on display. Friday & Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm; Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

**Davy Crockett
Birthplace**

October 7 18th Century Fall Camp

This event is for all who want to learn about becoming a re-enactor, learn the dress, camp, food, games and workshops will be held for all interested parties. Contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167.

Sycamore Shoals

October 7 & 8 Fort Watauga Knap-In

Help us celebrate Tennessee Archaeology Week at Fort Watauga with demonstrations of how pre-historic man made stone tools and weapons. Displays of replicated primitive artifacts and demonstrations with primitive weapons such as bow and arrow and atlatl fill the days. Come and make your own projectile points! 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

Sycamore Shoals

**October 7, 14, 21 & 28 Bird Walks w/ Lee & Lois Herndon
TOS Chapter**

Meet these wonderful birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. 8 am. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

**Bicentennial
Capitol Mall**

October 13 & 14

Tennessee's History Festival

Did you ever wish you could travel back in time? Were you born in the wrong era? The Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park is calling all time travelers to the third annual Tennessee's History Festival. On Friday and Saturday enjoy living history participants from the Woodland Indians and Hernando De Soto time period through the Vietnam and Gulf War time period. Visitors to the park can speak first hand with past Tennessee greats like: Andrew Jackson, Davy Crockett, Sam Davis, Abraham Lincoln, and Alvin C. York. Park visitors can witness live demonstrations at a black smith's forge, techniques of throwing a tomahawk, loading a Civil War percussion, black powder rifle, to World War II gas powered machine guns. 10 am – 5 pm both days. Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us or 615-532-2683.

**Carter State
Natural Area**

October 21

Buggytop Cave Hike

Location: Meet at the Target store parking lot off of Bell Road near Hickory Hollow

Date: October 21, 2006.

Time: 7:00 a.m. CDT

Leader: Forrest Evans, Stewardship Ecologist, Tennessee Division of Natural Heritage.

Reservations required: RSVP by October 20th to Forrest Evans, 615-532-0431 or forrest.evans@state.tn.us. The first 12 reservations can take advantage of free van transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.

Description: Journey through the fall beauty of one of Tennessee's scenic natural areas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Carter Natural Area. We will hike to Buggytop Cave which is rated strenuous for the elevation change, and then enter the cave on the lower end and hike a half-mile through the cave to a different exit. We will not go if it is raining or it is predicted to rain. Consult the weather reports before the trip. Dress warmly, bring at least two sources of light, a helmet is optional; wear sturdy boots, and bring plenty of water and lunch.

**Carroll Cabin State
Natural Area**

October 21

Wildflower Hike

Location: Carroll Cabin Natural Area parking lot, Decatur County

Date: October 21, 2006.

Time: 10:00 a.m. CDT

Leader: Chad Harden, Stewardship Ecologist, Tennessee Division of Natural Heritage and Bart Jones from TN Native Plant Society.

Reservations required: RSVP by October 20th to Chad Hardin, 731-512-1369 or Charles.Harden@state.tn.us

Description: Hike the recently completed trail through the forests and glades along the west bank of the Tennessee River. Observe the state listed rare plants unique to these cedar glades and the recently discovered Great Plain's Ladies Tresses (*Spiranthes magnicamporum*); one of the only two confirmed occurrences in the state. Wear boots, bring lunch and water.

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| Fall Creek Falls | October 21 & 22 | Fall Colors Weekend |
| | Join us on bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focusing on the autumn splendor of Fall Creek Falls. Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us , or (423) 881-5298. | |
| Sycamore Shoals | October 21 | Genealogy Symposium |
| | Enjoy a full day of research tips, displays, online work, and informative presentations; an wonderful way to learn more about your family history! Sponsored by the Watauga Historical Association. 10 am – 4 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808. | |
| Sycamore Shoals | October 26 | Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion |
| | Strange things happen around the time of All Hallows Eve, especially in a graveyard. Join us for tales of woe and terror, the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit thrown in for good measure. Don't be afraid, the graveyard at the Carter Mansion isn't haunted, we don't think! 7:30 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140. | |
| Fall Creek Falls | October 28 | Wild Foods Day |
| | Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just part of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast. Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us , or (423) 881-5708. | |
| Fort Pillow | October 28 | Fall Festival |
| | Hayride, costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest and more to help celebrate Fall. For times and activities contact Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us or (731) 738-5581. | |
| Sycamore Shoals | October 28 | Mountain River Concerts |
| | Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians, cloggers, storytellers, and more. These events meet in the theater of Sycamore Shoals. Featured entertainers are Androsson, Celtic Rock . Admission fee. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808. | |
| Sycamore Shoals | October 29 | Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion |
| | Our open pickin' and sharin' session is open to musicians of all levels, dancers, listeners, and toe tappers! Join us for this home-style gathering! 2 – 5 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140. | |

**Bicentennial
Capitol Mall**

November Weekdays

Characters In Time

Beginning on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM, the Bicentennial State Park will feature an hour-long program with a character of Tennessee history. Park visitors can visit every weekday (Monday through Friday) with either Davy Crockett, Confederate or Union Infantry soldier, or Alvin C. York. Programming will include a brief discussion of the park, biography of the character, description of the clothing, and conclude with a demonstration. No reservations are required; however, groups over twenty seeking specific characters are encouraged to call ahead for character times and availability. Amphitheater seating for two thousand available!
Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us or 615-532-2683.

Fort Pillow

November 4 & 5 Living History Weekend

Visit Civil War era encampments, see various demonstrations common to the 1860's and a variety of historical programs.
Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us or (731) 738-5581.

Short Springs

State Natural Area

November 4

Short Springs Hike

Location: Short Springs Natural Area Parking lot

Date: November 4, 2006.

Time: 9:30 a.m. CDT

Leader: Brian Bowen, Natural Areas Program Administrator, Tennessee Division of Natural Heritage

Reservations: requested but not required, contact Brian Bowen 615 532-0436

Brian.Bowen@state.tn.us

Description: This hike is great opportunity to see Short Springs in the fall when foliage is near its peak. The hike will follow about 3 miles of trail that will feature upper and lower Bobo Falls, Machine Falls, and Adams Falls. The hike will take visitors across scenic creeks, through dry oak forests, and into colorful forests. Dress appropriately, wear comfortable hiking boots or shoes and bringing water is always a good idea.

Sycamore Shoals

November 10 -12

Christmas Craft Show

Don't miss this tremendously popular craft extravaganza just in time for Christmas. Forty-eight local craftsperson's exhibit and demonstrate their talents with a Christmas twist. Held in the park visitor center. Friday: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm, Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, & Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

- Fall Creek Falls November 11 Backpacking Trip**
Hike a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. Two day hike with one overnight camp. This hike is for both novices and experienced backpackers. Fee is \$10. Pre-registration is required. Contact Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us, (423) 881-5708.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace November 17 Pioneer Thanksgiving**
Join park staff and local re-enactors for a traditional styled Thanksgiving Feast down at the Crockett Cabin. We also practice tomahawk, archery and flintlock rifle skills. Contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167.
- Sycamore Shoals November 18 – 19 Thanksgiving Garrison at Fort Watauga**
Join us as Hardin's Rangers provide a glimpse into the past with an 18th century Thanksgiving at Fort Watauga. Enjoy lots of food and demonstrations. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace December 1 & 2 Crockett Christmas**
This is a living history event that is held inside the replica cabin in which Davy Crockett was born. Carolers from the community will provide music and we will have traditional food treats as well. Contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or (423) 257-2167
- Fall Creek Falls December 1-3 Christmas on the Mountain**
A weekend of Yuletide fun and food, Christmas Carols, and gifts for the little ones. Activities for children and adults alike include traditional Christmas decorating, tea parties, and a two-day mountain craft show. Don't be surprised if Saint Nick drops in. For further information call (423) 881-5298.
- Paris Landing December 2-3 Christmas By the Lake Craft Show**
If your needing that one gift that you cant find in stores stop by and look through some homemade crafts, it may be what your looking for. For more information: J.B.Davis@state.tn.us or (731) 641-4465.
- Sycamore Shoals December 3 & Month of December Winterfest Christmas Tree Exhibit & Art Show**
With a Winterfest theme of "The Night Before Christmas," this event opens with a reception to view the trees, artwork, and an opportunity to meet the artists. The exhibit features Fraser fir Christmas trees decorated by local organizations with handmade ornaments. The Watauga Valley Art League displays the artwork. Opening Reception: Sunday, Dec. 3 at 1:30 pm. Through December: Monday – Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm;

Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Contact: Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

Sycamore Shoals

December 8

Christmas at the Carter Mansion

Spend the evening in this 18th century home built on the frontier around 1775 featuring the beautiful interior craftsmanship decorated for Christmas in the style of 1780. Costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments, and music highlight the evening. Admission is \$1.00/person, maximum \$2.00/family. Sponsored by the Watauga Historical Association. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-6140.

**Stinging Fork Falls
Pocket Wilderness
State Natural Area**

December 9

Hike to Stinging Fork Falls Pocket Wilderness

Location: Meet at the Stinging Fork parking area

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m. CST to approximately 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Lisa Huff, Natural Areas Program

Reservations: Required. Call or email Lisa Huff, (865) 594-5601, lisa.huff@state.tn.us

Description: Lisa Huff, Stewardship Ecologist with Tennessee State Natural Areas, invites you to a winter hike in the Stinging Fork Pocket Wilderness. The hike is considered moderate to difficult, but short with a round trip of about 4 miles. Wear warm clothes in layers and good footwear. Bring water and food as necessary. We will not go if it is forecast to rain or snow or if conditions are particularly icy at the time of the hike. If we have time and interest, we may swing by Piney Falls on our way out, after the Stinging Fork hike is finished.

Norris Dam

December 9

4th Annual Holliday Homecoming Celebration

Holiday Homecoming includes lighted decorated cabins with a variety of historical themes including - Coal Mining, The CCC, The Veterans, The TVA, An old-timey bakery cabin, and a Park Natural Resources cabin, Event also includes Bluegrass Music, Carolers, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, and everyone's favorite, Santa Claus. Contact: Allison.Humble@state.tn.us or (865) 426-7461.

Sycamore Shoals

December 9 & 10

Christmas Garrison at Fort Watauga

Ring in the Christmas season with the Company of Overmountain Men as they celebrate with living history demonstrations of the 18th century in the backwoods of Colonial America. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Contact: Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us or (423) 543-5808.

**Cordell Hull
Birthplace**

December 14 Old Fashioned Christmas at the Birthplace

Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park and the Friends of Cordell Hull are excited to offer the second annual Old Fashioned Christmas at the Birthplace. The event will run from 5PM until 8PM. Highlights of this holiday open house include traditional Christmas decorations in the cabin, refreshments, holiday bluegrass and old fashion Christmas music. Robin.P.Cooper@state.tn.us or (931) 864-3247.